

Amendments to the Claims

1-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

~~a first framework;~~
~~a first access system coupled to ~~a~~said first framework ~~and~~ which interacts with ~~the~~said first framework;~~
~~a second framework, different from said first framework;~~
~~a second access system coupled to ~~a~~said second framework ~~which is not identical to the~~
~~first framework~~ and which interacts with the second framework;~~
~~an extension module;~~
~~an extensible abstraction layer framework; and~~
~~a coupling system for connecting ~~to~~an~~said~~ extension module ~~to~~said ~~an~~ extensible
abstraction layer framework ~~thereby~~ providing access to content or functions of ~~the~~said
extension module;~~
wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent
interface between ~~the~~said first and second frameworks and ~~the~~said extension module.

29. (currently amended) ~~An~~The extension layer of claim 28 further for extending the
functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

~~a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first
framework;~~

a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;
a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;
and a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the said extension module;
wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.

30. (currently amended) ~~An~~ The extension layer of claim 29 further for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:
a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;
a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;
a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;
a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the extension module;
and a communication system allowing for the transfer of data or instructions between the said extension module and ~~an~~ said extensible abstraction layer framework,
wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.

31. (currently amended) An extension layer for accessing and using an ordered file, comprising:

a first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

a second extensible ordered-data flow-based framework which is not identical to ~~the said~~ first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

~~an extensible ordered-data flow-based abstraction layer framework;~~

~~an extension module for an extensible ordered-data flow-based abstraction layer framework containing ordered data;~~

~~an abstraction layer having a uniform cross-platform interface between the said extension module and ~~the~~ said extensible ordered-data flow-based framework, said abstraction layer and being separate from an operating system; and~~

~~a synchronization module for handling data flowing between the extension module and the extension layer; wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.~~